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A.—The staff of the Indian Medical School, excluding clerks and menials, consists of nine Non-Brahman Hindus, nine Brahmans and four Muhammadans.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Public Service

Denial of promotion as Deputy Tahsildars to clerks in the Revenue Department, South Kanara, on the ground of age-bar.

* 99 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the clerks in the Revenue Department with third-class Magistrate's powers conferred on them in South Kanara have not been promoted to the Deputy Tahsildar's post on the ground that they are beyond 40 years;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that their chances of promotion were lost owing to any wrongful promotion of their juniors to the Deputy Tahsildar's post contrary to the concerned Government Order thus depriving their legitimate rights of promotion; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to remedy their right grievance?

A.—The Government have not the information. The Government have received no appeal or memorial from any person alleging any such grievance.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether the hon. Member will call for the information?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir. I do not think it is necessary to do so. If persons are aggrieved, they can appeal to the proper authorities."

Local Self-Government

Supply of water from Mettur Reservoir to Salem Municipality.

* 100 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar:—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the water-supply scheme of Salem Municipality from Mettur Reservoir is; and

(*b*) whether the execution of the scheme will be taken up during this financial year?

A.—(*a*) The financing of the scheme is under the consideration of the Government and a reference is being made to the Municipal Council in that connexion.

(*b*) No.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—"May I know how long the scheme of water-supply to Salem town from Mettur-dam has been under the consideration of Government?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I am afraid I cannot answer that offhand. But I may state for the information of the hon. Member that the main outlines of the scheme have been settled, and the Government have addressed or are addressing the Municipal Council whether they are agreeable to the terms proposed."

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—"Has the Municipal Council spent any money to survey the land from Mettur to Salem town?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether the scheme consists of the transfer of the Mettur water-works to the Salem Municipality or whether it is a different scheme from that?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The scheme is to bring water from the Mettur reservoir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether the Government has considered the question of transferring the present Mettur water-works to the Salem Municipality?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"No, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether the Government will take the opinion of the Salem Municipal Council on that question of transferring the present Mettur water-works to the Salem Municipality at any reasonable cost?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not see what connexion there is between Salem Municipal Council and Mettur water-works."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Certain water-works machinery at Mettur such as the pumping plant and the filtration plant costing about Rs. 4 lakhs is ready there and available. I want to know whether the Government will ascertain from the Salem Municipal Council whether they are prepared to take over the ready-made plant for the supply of water to Salem town?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"That is a very small plant, and I do not think it will be adequate for the purpose of Salem town."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDAYIYAR:—"May I know whether the idea of the scheme is going to be to pump out water by electric power?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"By electric power."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"If it is by electric power, what is the rate charged to municipalities for supply of power?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Special rates are sanctioned. I cannot say offhand what exactly is the rate."

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Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—"May I ask whether the Government think that the supply of water from the Panamarathupatti tank to the Salem Town has been a total failure?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The Government are aware that the present arrangements for the supply of water are not adequate with the increase of population in Salem town. That is the reason for finding out a new source of supply."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether Government will be pleased to supply electric power at special rate to other municipalities?"

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether it is a fact that the Salem Municipality was willing to take over the water-works plant at Mettur if given to them free of cost?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I am not aware of that. As I have already stated, that plant is quite unsuitable and inadequate. Therefore, there is no use of considering that question."

Population of Salem town and the number of Depressed Class members.

* 101 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total population of the Salem Municipal town is; and

(*b*) what the population of the depressed classes in the said town is?

A.—(*a*) 102,179.

(*b*) 5,791.

Resolution of Salem Municipal Council regarding the admission of untouchables in coffee clubs.

* 102 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what date the resolution of the Municipal Council of Salem advocating the admission of the so-called untouchables to the sweet-meat shops and coffee clubs was passed; and

(*b*) when the resolution was cancelled by the Government?

A.—(*a*) 17th February 1933.

(*b*) 23rd May 1933.

Petitions for and against the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council regarding admission of untouchables in coffee clubs.

* 103 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council advocating the admission of the so-called untouchables to sweet-meat shops and coffee clubs was objected to by Hotels' Proprietors' Association, and if so, when it was done;